Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, such a deputation waited on the Diwan. The Government are collecting information as to the privileges accorded to the Press in other States, and orders on the representations will issue in due course.

The total collections from the Nelliampati Estates.

227. Mr. H. J. Walmesly.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount collected from all Nelliampati district estates, including Tuttanpara, in rents and from the sale of liquor and other licenses and tolls, in the hills, during the years 1098, 1099 and 1100 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

	1098 Rs.	1099 Rs.	1100 Rs.
Coffee quit rent	7,979-9-0	7,778-3-8	7,429-5-8
Duty on arrack sold	3,075-0-0	3,671-0-0	4,240-0-0
Rentals of tobacco shops	270-0-0	390-0-0	390-0-0
Rentals of arrack shops	1,470-0-0	1,250-0-0	1,545-0-0
Tolls	721-0-0	905-0-0	302-0-0
Rent on lands leased out.			
'Tuttanpara'	600-0-0	600-0-0	600-0-0
Fees on shooting licenses	80-0-0	120-0-0	80-0-0

Mr. H. J. Walmesly.—Sir, in view of the considerable revenue from the Nelliampati district, may I ask the Government of Cochin to increase the allotment for its up-keep?

President.—Is it your supplementary question or a request made to the Government ?

Mr. H. J. Walmesly.—A request. Yesterday also I had a question relating to this.

President.—Yesterday's questions are over.

Mr. H. J. Walmesly.—I sent the two questions together. They have been put on separate dates.

President.—Mr. Walmesly, your question that was answered yesterday had connection with the question that is put to-day ?

Mr. H. J. Walmsley.—Yes, Sir; as I pointed out, it entirely depended on the same matter. I wish to point out this, Sir, in view of the considerable revenue of Rs. 14,000 derived from this district.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—May be Rs. 14,000. But then we are spending on the road every year Rs. 4,000. The amount spent last year is Rs. 2,700 and this year Rs. 2,091. We were not able to do work in 1099. The accounts of 1100 are not stated here.

Mr. H. J. Walmesly.—I quite understand.

President.—May I draw your attention to one fact? There is no appropriation of specific items of revenue for expenditure. There is no rule that, because we get a certain amount of revenue from the Nelliampaties, we must spend for the purpose of that road or anything connected with this Nelliampaties all that amount. We have got the whole revenue. We distribute it according to necessities. It may so happen that one district which pays high revenue does not want an adequate proportion of expenditure. Such a scheme of water-tight, mathematical or arithmetical distribution is not always possible.

Mr. H. J. Walmesly.—I fully sympathise. I quite realise it is impossible.

President.—There is a scheme for improving a plot, selling certain lands there and carrying on a back road for the Nelliampati Ghat. I mean you have got such a scheme.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I have got such a scheme.

The works proposed by the Cranganur Road Committee.

228. **Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for not undertaking the works proposed by the Cranganur Road Committee?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government think that a good many of the works enumerated in the Report are not really necessary from the stand-point of the peculiar size, locality and the surroundings of the principality. Such works as seemed to them to be quite essential are being or have already been attended to.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Does the Government know that the Committee's proposals were approved by two Diwans and by the Diwan Peishkar who himself knows the locality very well? Does the Government know that?

President.—Any information forthcoming?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I called for the Committee's Report last time, and the Government was pleased to place the Report on the table, and from the Report and orders thereon, I find that the scheme was approved by the Diwans and the

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